GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE IN HEALTH SECTOR
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had submitted in November 2001 any proposal for the World Bank Assistance for upgradation of Food and Drug Administration Headquarters, Drug Control Laboratory at Mumbai and Aurangabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether approval/sanction has since been accorded; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government to implement the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)&(b): A World Bank Assisted Capacity Building Project for Food Safety and Quality Control of Drugs has been launched in October, 2003. Under the Project, the Food and Drugs Administration Headquarters in the Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health Family Welfare, New Delhi, is being strengthened by way of provision of a new well equipped building.The State Drug Testing Laboratories at Mumbai and Aurangabad are also being strengthened under the Project through provision of laboratory equipments, chemicals, furniture & incremental staff, along with a provision for maintenance of laboratory equipments. The total amount of assistance is Rs.37.00 crores. Further, the Food and Drugs laboratory in Mumbai in the Central sector is being provided with a new building, equipments, chemicals, furniture, incremental staff, and provision for maintenance of laboratory equipments and building.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): This is a Central Sector Project.Procurement and supply of equipments will be done by HSCC(India) Limited who have been appointed as the Procurement support Agent under the Project. To meet the expenditure on chemicals, furniture, appointment of incremental staff, funds will be released by the Ministry to the Special Purpose Vehicle i.e. the States AIDS Control Societies (SACS which will reimburse the States on a quarterly basis. In regard to construction of the Food and Drug Administration Bhawan, necessary approvals have been sought from the concerned authorities.